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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my opinion in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I support Microsoft and I support the settlement that was reached in November. I believe it will serve in the best public interest to end this costly litigation battle.

This settlement is fair and reasonable. Microsoft has agreed to all terms and conditions, including: disclosing information about certain internal interfaces included in Windows and designing future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non- Microsoft software. A technical oversight committee has been created to monitor Microsoft compliance.

During these difficult times, one of our highest priorities should be to boost our lagging economy. Restricting Microsoft will not accomplish this end. Please support this settlement so this company can get back to the business of creating innovative software, which will benefit all of us. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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